

Solid Waste Management in Newcastle

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City of Newcastle



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Solid Waste Management

- Regulation & Authority
- Newcastle History
- Current Conditions
- Next Steps



*QUESTIONS
&
DISCUSSION*

Background

- A Municipal Function
- Regulatory Authority
 - RCW 70.95 - Establishes comprehensive statewide program
 - RCW 35.21.120 to 35.21.158 - Authority for cities to acquire and operate solid waste systems and facilities.
 - RCW 81.77 - Solid Waste Collection Companies
 - More: MRSC Webpage goo.gl/RBMhfG

Background

King County – Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan

- 6-Year Management Strategies
 - Collection
 - Transfer
 - Disposal
- 20-Year Long Term Planning
- Draft update out for comment



Municipal Function

3 Ways to provide solid waste collection:

- Defer to State



- Self Perform



- Contract Out



Newcastle History

- **1994**
 - City Incorporation;
 - Solid waste contract regulated by WUTC;
 - Existing franchises within the City to be cancelled
 - New franchise required to be issued (lessor or 5 yrs or remaining term)
- **1997**
 - RCW Amendment: WUTC automatically continues to regulate until notified;
 - New franchise + damages (lessor or 7 yrs or term of franchise)
- **2005**
 - Notification to WUTC of City's intent to exercise jurisdiction
- **2009**
 - New 'franchise' issued to Waste Management
 - 10 year term (7 + 3)

Current Conditions



2019 - Date current contract is set to expire

Options for future:

1. Extend Current Contract
2. Direct Renegotiation
3. Procure New Contract

	Extend Current Contract	Direct Renegotiation	Procure New Contract
	Two 2-year terms	Negotiate new contract with Waste Management	Conduct public bidding process (RFP or RFB)
PROS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predictable • Zero effort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain good working relationship with Waste Management • Expected rate relief sooner • Predictable • Less process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparent • Confidence in lowest rate
CONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rate relief • Short-term solution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a public process • Not certain of lowest rates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed rate relief • More process • Uncertainty

Service Considerations

- Embedded yard waste and/or recycling
- Year-round yard waste pickup
- Frequency of recycling pickup (weekly or bi-weekly)
- Mandatory use of provided carts
- Mandatory service
- Commercial: Mandatory and/or embedded recycling
- Commercial: Subsidize residential rates
- Administrative fee
- Require new vehicles

Next Steps

- February 6 – Continue Discussion; respond to questions
- February 20 - Decision on Desired Approach
 1. Extend Current Contract
 2. Direct Renegotiation
 3. Procure New Contract